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MIGRATIONS OF SOUTHERN POPULATION.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

An army officer who has for some years held chief command in one of the Gulf States has been engaged in making observations and collecting facts regarding certain noteworthy movements of the elements of population that have lately been going on in the South.

It is false that they have committed murder, assassination, rape, matricide, or the other crimes which this literary mountebank alleges.

It is false that they have been ready to sell their principles or their cause, or are now ready to do so.

It is false that they mutilate the blind and helpless Spaniards who fall into their hands. It is false that the Cubans are half-civilized, ignorant brutes, swagging semi-devils.

It is false that they are without organization, military education, experience, or resources, they have been waging war for fifteen months against an organized enemy possessing all these things.

It is false that they are without money, arms, ammunition, and clothing in abundance to all his soldiers, and with a numerous fleet, which the United States have just trebled, to guard the Cuban coasts and keep the patriots from receiving supplies.

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ANOTHER GREAT STATESMAN AGAINST CUBA.

From the N. Y. Sun.

Mr. Mark Twain favors the public with his views concerning the Cuban revolution. They seem to be of about the same tenor and value as those which Mr. Secretary Fish has occasionally avowed.

"In his self-sacrificing struggles for his country's freedom the Cuban patriot makes valiant use of every method and every contrivance that can make the good cause. Murder, theft, burglary, arson, assassination, rape, poison, treachery, mendacity, fratricide, matricide, infanticide, and all other crimes are in his hands."

with that of the Pharisee who "stood and prayed thus with himself:—God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men." Mr. Twain's self-conceit and self-glorification—to say nothing of his indifference to right and wrong—are something miraculous.

It is false that the Cubans have conducted their war with barbarity. They are not a base, a cruel, nor a treacherous race of people; and no instance can be demonstrated of legitimacy civilized warfare.

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BOHEMIA AND IRELAND.

From the London Saturday Review.

Great Britain is not the only country in Europe with an Ireland. Every race except the Italian has made the effort to assimilate some population different from itself under more or less favorable conditions.

MEXICO DURING GRANT'S ADMINISTRATION.

From the N. Y. Herald.

In reviewing the history of Mexico since the restoration of President Juarez to power, and more especially the history of her finances, it cannot fail to be observed that notwithstanding the labored and unsuccessful effort of Mr. Payne, her eminent statistician and ex-Secretary of the Treasury, to prove, in an immense volume published by the republican authorities in 1868, that Maximilian had left an unfortunate and disastrous financial record, still the present administration that bedridden country is doing sadly worse than ever—apparently oblivious of the fact that there is a condition which a people may reach more destructive than bankruptcy.

cal position of their country, an almost complete enclave in Germany, it is nearly impossible that they should ever form an independent people. If Austria abandoned them, North Germany would swallow them up; and if Russia protected them against both, their country would be but a province ruled from St. Petersburg.

The success or failure of this movement in Bohemia, and in many places similarly situated, will depend upon a very curious question, which the most thoughtful politicians will be the most reluctant to answer prematurely.

THE TAXES AND THE DEBT.

From the N. Y. Times.

The cry still is, "Reduce the taxes!" The trading class is literally a unit in favor of reduction. The farmers are compelled, by falling prices, to pray for it as a measure absolutely necessary.

REMOVAL.

From the N. Y. Times.

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holders of the American loan of three millions of dollars, and a further obligation of magnitude which promises to become a national debt, with the United States as the creditor, resulting from the labors of the Mexican commission now in session at Washington.

While these complications are accumulating and becoming more or less aggregated, the indications are that the internal and political disease of the country is becoming most alarming and perhaps fatal. The desperation of that portion of the liberal party which is not in accord with President Juarez is becoming marked, and there are rumors that it threatens a fusion with the old Church party, with the view of overturning the Government before the end of this Presidential term.

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